(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) No representation has been received by the Government relating to the non-recognition of the Union in the Mawmluh Cherra Cement Company Limited at Cherrapunjee. However, this is a matter which falls within the purview of the Government of Meghalaya, the appropriate authority to implement the Code of Discipline in this regard.

Export target for the Seventh Plan period

2769. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of export for each year during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) how far the target has been achieved; and

(c) what are the sectors which are contributing most in the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) According to the Seventh Five Year Plan Document Exports are projected to rise by 6. 8 percent per annum to reach a cumulative figure of Rs. 60, 700 crores at 1984-85 prices in the five year period of the Seventh Plan. It may be stated that estimated value of export for each of the years in the Seventh Five Year Plan is not available in the Seventh Plan Document.

(b) According to provisional date available from DGCI&S in terms of current prices India's exports were Rs. 11011. 96 crores during 1985-86 and Rs. 5857. 44 crores during April-September, 1986.

(c) The principal items Contributing to our foreign exchange earnings include Tea. Coffee, Cashew Kernels, Spices, Marine Products, Iron-Ore, Cotton Fabrics, Yarn and made-ups etc., Readymade Garments, Jute Manufactures, Leather & Leather Manufactures. Chemicals & Allied pro ducts, Gems & Jewellery, Carpets & Drug get handmade, Engineering Goods & Pet roleum products.

Employment opportunities during Seventh Plan

2770. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target for creating employment opportunities during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) what was the employment growth rate during the last two years; and

(c) how many persons of various categories are at present registered in the Employment Exchanges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) It is expected that additional employment of the order of 40. 36 million standard person years would be generated during the Seventh Plan with an implied growth rate of 3. 99 per cent per annum.

(c) Information is given in the enclosed **statement**.

Statement

No. of persons of various categories registered with the Employment Exchanges as at the end of December, 1985.

(In thousands)

SI. No.	Educational level	No. registered with the Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-85	
		Total	Woman (included in total)
1	2	3	4 •
1	Below Matric including illiterates. . . .	12294-4	1614 7
2	Matriculates	8045 -3	1635 5

1	2	3	4
3	Persons who passed Higher Secondary (including Intermediates/	3530. 4	623. 9
4	Graduates (including Post-graduates)	2399. 8	573. 4
	TOTAL	26269. 9	4447. 5

NOTE: I. The information is collected at half-yearly intervals ending June and December each year.

2. Includes figures for University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux except for Bihar, Haryana, Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Survey on handlooms

2771. SHRI G. VARADARAJ: SHRI N. RAJANGAM: SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: SHRI M. VINCENT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made by Government in carrying out the census relating to the number of handlooms in the country and by when the work in this regard is likely to be completed;

(b) what is the current data available with regard to the number of handlooms in the country at present, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Textile Committee was asked to. carry out a survey regarding the number of handlooms in U. P.; and

(d) what are the roles and objectives of the National Handloom Development Corporation and how far it has been able to achieve its objectives since the inception of the Corporation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The schedules for collection of data from households in regard to census of handloom along with instruction to the enumerators have been finalised and sent to States for printing. Since the work will have to be essentially done by the State Governments involving covering of households spread over wide areas and tabulation of data at the state level, it may not be possible to precisely indicate the time by which the work will be completed.

(b) Statement showing number of handlooms statewise is attached *{see* below).

(c) The Market Research Wing of the Textile Committee had been entrusted with the task of carrying out survey of decentralised sector of Handlooms, Powerlooms etc. in U. P. to find out its yarn requirement in various details so that the U. P. State Textile Corporation can accordingly plan their production programme of yarn manufacture.

(d) The National ■ Handloom Development Corporation has been set up with the main objective of supplying raw materials like yarn and dyes & chemicals to handloom weavers. During the first two years of its operation, the Corporation has opened yarn depots at Guwahati, Bhagalpur & Bihar-sharif. The Corporation is also supplying yarn to the handloom agencies in the State of Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Pondicherry, etc. It is also supplying dyes & chemicals to the handloom agencies by procuring them directly from manufacturers. It has reached a turnover of nearly Rs. 7 crores in 1985-86.

Statement

Statewise No. of Looms No. of Looms (in 1000s)

1	2
1. Andhra Pradesh	529
2. Assam	200
3. Bihar	100
4. Gujarat	20
5. Haryana	41
6. Himachal Pradash	1
7. Jammu & Kashmir	37
x. Karnataka	103
9. Kerala	95
1 Madhya Pradesh	33
1 Maharashtra	80
1 Manipur	100